

Application No.: 10/257,138

Docket No.: 22106-00017-US

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17 and 19-20 are pending. Claims 2 and 18 are canceled.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended herein to include the subject matter of canceled claim 2. The claims have further been amended to improve readability and to correct dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-5 and 13-20.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Urban et al. (US 5,056,459). Claim 1 now includes the subject matter of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated to be allowable. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over Urban et al. Claim 7 depends from claim 1 and therefore is also allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Urban et al. in view of Fischli et al. (US 5,690,995). As stated above, claim 1 now includes the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 2. Claims 6 and 8-12 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable over the combination of Urban et al. and Fischli et al.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22106-00017-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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